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TAGS: CASC, MA, US

SUBJ: REPPAS CASE

REF: TANANARIVE 0875

1. FOLLOWING IS TRANSLATION OF TEXT FOREIGN MINISTRY DIP  
NOTE, DATED JULY 4:

" MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS COMPLIMENTS TO  
EMBASSY OF USA AND HAS HONOR TO REFER TO AID- MEMOIRE, DATED  
JUNE 28, WHICH EMBASSY KINDLY DELIVERED CONCERNING GEORGE  
REPPAS AFFAIR.

" MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE FIRST TO DRAW  
EMBASSY' S ATTENTION TO SEPARATION OF POWERS AND INDEPEND-  
ENCE OF JUDICIAL AUTHORITY VIS- A- VIS EXECUTIVE POWER, PRIN-  
CIPLES WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN SOLEMNLY REAFFIRMED IN CONSTI-  
TUTIONAL LAW OF NOVEMBER 7, 1972.

" IN ADDITION, ACCORDING TO INTRODUCTORY AND AUXILIARY  
INDICTMENTS ( REQUISITOIRES INTRODUCTIF ET SUPPLETIF) MADE  
KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT, IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT GEORGE REPPAS  
IS CHARGED WITH IRREGULAR PROMOTION OF COMPANIES, PUBLICATION  
OF INACCURATE BALANCE SHEETS, ABUSE OF COMPANY PROPERTIES,  
FRAUDULENT REMOVAL OF BOOKS AND FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT OF  
PART OF ASSETS, SWINDLING, ABUSE OF CONFIDENCE, FORGERY AND  
USE OF FORGERY.

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" THESE VARIOUS ACTS OF MR. REPPAS AND HIS FELLOW DELIN-  
QUENTS HAVE CAUSED ENORMOUS PREJUDICE TO THE MALAGASY STATE.

" MOREOVER, MIISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE TO  
INFORM EMBASSY THAT INVESTIGATION OF THE AFFAIR HAS BEEN  
DELIBERATELY HINDERED BY MR. REPPAS AND HIS FELLOW DELINQUENTS  
THROUGH DILATORY MANEUVERS WHICH CONSIST OF SYSTEMATICALLY  
APPEALING REFUSALS OF PROVISIONAL FREEDOM, THUS FORCING THE  
EXAMINING MAGISTRATE ( JUGE D' INSTRUCTION) TO TRANSFER FILES  
AND KEEPING HIM FROM MAKING INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
BRINGING OUT THE TRUTH.

" FINALLY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD LIKE TO INFORM  
EMBASSY THAT, UNLESS THERE ARE NEW DILATORY MANEUVERS ON PART  
OF REPPAS AND ASSOCIATES, TRIAL WILL TAKE PLACE TOWARD END  
OF JULY OR BEGINNING OF AUGUST 1973.

" MALAGASY GOVERNMENT REMAINS CONFIDENT THAT, FOR ITS  
PART, THIS AFFAIR WILL NOT TARNISH GOOD RELATIONS EXISTING  
BETWEEN MADAGASCAR AND USA." ( SALUTARY CLOSING)

2. POUCHING COPY FRENCH TEXT JULY 6.

3. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.

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